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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SIXTH COMITE (LEGAL)-HOSTAGES

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1. INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN COMMENCED BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF CO-SPONSORS OF FRG RESOLUTION AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-ALIGNED. FORMER GROUP IS FRG, CANADA, COLOMBIA, IRAN AND CAR AND LATTER LIBYA, SRI LANKA, JAMAICA, ALGERIA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

2. FIRST MEETING TOOK PLACE AM NOV. 30. SRI LANKA PROPOSED THREE AMENDMENTS: (1) DELETE PREAMBULAR PARA 4. (2) DELETE "ALL ACTS INVOLVING" FROM PREAMBULAR PARA 7. (3) EITHER DELETE PART OF OPERATIVE PARA 3 BEGINNING WITH "ON THE BASIS OF.." OR ADD AFTER "...PROSECUTION", "AND THAT MEASURES CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, PARTICULARLY THE INVIOABILITY OF THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES BE DEVISED TO ENSURE THE PROMPT AND SAFE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES".

3. SRI LANKA MADE IT CLEAR THESE SUGGESTIONS WERE INDEPENDENT OF QUESTION OF INSERTION OF WORD "INNOCENT" BEFORE HOSTAGES.

4. THERE WAS ALSO SOME DISCUSSION OF QUESTION OF "INNOCENT",  
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AND YUGOSLAVIA SUGGESTED "TAKING OF INNOCENT PEOPLE AS

HOSTAGES".

5. DISCUSSION ON SRI LANKA PAPER AND INSERTION OF "INNOCENT"  
WAS INCONCLUSIVE. NEGOTIATING GROUPS WILL MEET AGAIN  
NOV. 21.

6. AFTER MEETING FRG APPROACHED US AND OTHER WEO'S AND SAID  
THEY THOUGHT IT NOW APPROPRIATE TO INCREASE NUMBER OF  
SPONSORS. WE, BRITISH, CANADIANS AND IRISH AGREED DO SO.  
FRENCH ARE SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS TO ENABLE THEM TO JOIN  
ALSO.

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